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Dear Tom,

I do appreciate the time you took from your busy day when I stopped in without appointment yesterday. I hope you feel as I do, that such conversations can serve useful purposes for both of us, including in the elimination of unnecessary problems that may otherwise come up.

Of those things of which I told you my information is, in my belief, beyond question, I think it is fair to add that I did not begin to tell you the proofs in my possession. As I hope I made clear, you are welcome to examine these or any other data I have should you ever have any interest of any character. With respect to the clothing, the next time I am in Washington, I will bring some of the pictures I do have with me in case you would like to see them. I had planned to file a suit on this and what relates yesterday but there remained insufficient time. It will be filed today. Incomplete as what I do have is, I think it will be ample illumination of some of what I told you.

In this connection, I would not want to undertake anything that might in any way embarrass any of the retired agents and I fear, unless you feel otherwise, that it might be inappropriate to seek information from those on active duty. If you do not believe it would embarrass him for me to write Roy Kellerman about what we discussed yesterday, I would appreciate his new address and would send you a copy of the letter or, if you would prefer, show it to you for your approval prior to mailing. Mr. Greer is closer to us, unless he also has moved. If it would not be awkward for you, perhaps we might both speak to him about these matters at a mutually-convenient time. I think this might be desireable for both of us before I complete and file the complaint I described to you.

Several things remain unclear, although I believe I raised them with you some time ago. One is whether SS Control 620 really is the first knowledge you had of "Farry". The time recorded in it would seem to indicate this might not be the case. This is especially interesting when considered with your Control 451, relating to a Jack Martin at Goldonna, La., so close to the moment of the crime. This also refers to association with an off-beat religion, which is true of the real one in New Orleans. If you can properly tell me, I'd like very much to know what is responsible for this very early Dallas report.

I mentioned briefly the appearance of Edward Voebel on WDSU-TV. I have never seen any indication that any federal agency obtained a copy of this. I believe Ed Planer would provide it and that it might help round the information out and make a more complet record, atbleast for history.

In connection with Control 620, it would be interesting to me, if not to you, to know whether your agents had been spoken to by those of the FBI before they filed their report and before they interviewed Jack Martin. This is not because the things said of Martin cannot fairly be said but because there is a question whether they were in this case true. From what Herman Kohlman told me they do not apply. From what I have every reason to believe one of the withheld FBI reports says, they knew it was not true. That report is in CD75. It is dated 11/25/63. It also discloses the New Orleans Police Intelligence Unit interests of which I told you.

The FBI interest in Ferrie right before the assassination might be attributed to the fact that he was Marcello's investigator in the case due to come to trial and decided the day of the assassination.

The Archives' August 19 letter to me that I showed you lists only Secret Service reports on Ferrie. Others of which I know are in CDs 5,75,85,205, 301 and, I believe, 405. Yours are in CD87.

We have the same problem in relating your Control Numbers with Commission Document numbers, so I cannot be certain which I do have. I know I have SS407, which is in CD 87 and is also, incompletely, Exhibit 3119. As with almost all these reports, the Archives copies are remote-generation xeroxes and unclear. Mine are even less clear, of course. My copy of the Bringuier receipt to Geraci is very indistinct. SS449 is also in CD 87 and I also have it. The copies of SS620 I got from the Archives are very indistinct. I got several copies hoping to get a clear one. I didn't. It and SS61 are also in CD87. Those you could not locate yesterday are 127,712 and 916. We discussed the unlikelihood that the longest one was of the first interrogation of Marina Oswald. To help you ascertain whether this could be the case, a Howard-Kunkel report dealing with this is Control 533 (CD87), the transcript is CD344, with your memo to Mr. Bouck referring to another of 11/28/63 "furnishing a copy of the tape recording" and making two corrections.

If you can provide me with reasonably clear copies of these Secret Service reports on Ferrie that are not withheld, I would appreciate it. I would also appreciate as clear a copy as you can make of the Bringuier-Geraci receipt. As I told you, if you have any interest you are welcome to what I got from Geraci's father and mother before the father's death and from Geraci and his mother after this death.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg